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Herter Appointment Approved by Senate

WASHINGTON.—The Senate on Tuesday unanimously confirmed Christian A. Herter as Secretary of State. Full Senate approval followed some hours after the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the appointment without dissent.

Earlier, testifying before the Committee, Mr. Herter said he did not believe the U.S. should use nuclear weapons in the initial stages of any shooting war over Berlin.

But he added that "we'd have to think very carefully" about using such weapons if Russia appeared "willing to carry it to the point of all-out war."

Mr. Herter made the statements in response to questions at a hearing that lasted 60 minutes. He was warmly praised by every committee member present.

Eban to Meet Herter Today

By JESSE ZEIL LARKE,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK.—Israel Ambassador Abba Eban will pay his first official call on the newly-appointed Secretary of State, Mr. Herter, on Wednesday morning (today) and will confer with Under-Secretary of State Douglas Dillon in the afternoon.

The conversation with Mr. Herter is expected to range over the entire gamut of Middle East problems and recent developments in that area.

At his conference with Mr. Dillon, Ambassador Eban will be accompanied by Mr. Aryeh Manor, Head of the Israel Supply Mission in the U.S.

They will discuss Israel's requests for an additional loan from the Development Loan Bank under the 1959 programme and Israel's participation in the 1960 aid programme. It appears likely Israel will once again receive a small grant, plus a loan and surplus funds in 1960.

A farewell dinner for Mr. Eban Tuesday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel was attended by many leading U.N. delegates.

**SAPIR ENDS VISIT
TO VENEZUELA**
CARACAS (AFP).—The Israeli Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, left Caracas Tuesday morning for New York on his way to Paris.

During his stay in Venezuela, Mr. Sapir held numerous talks with commercial and industrial circles.

Israel Applies to Join GATT

The Israel Government has officially applied for membership in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and its request will come up for discussion at the organization's 14th annual meeting opening in Geneva on May 11. This was announced in Jerusalem on Tuesday by the Foreign Ministry spokesman.

The spokesman revealed that on March 26, Israel informed the Secretary-General of GATT that "Israel recognizes the need of conducting its international relations in the field of trade and economics according to the purposes outlined in the preamble to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. She, therefore, views with satisfaction the actions of the contracting members of GATT which are directed at lowering customs barriers and other restrictions on international trade and are also intended to eliminate discrimination in trade and to ensure the free flow of goods. Israel's rapid growth during the last few years has caused a constant growth in its trade and there is every ground to believe that application of GATT rules to Israel's trade will benefit both Israel and the contracting members."

Bowles Supports Grant to Israel

WASHINGTON (INA).—Two Congressmen on Tuesday voiced support on the House floor for an amendment or special wording in the report of the Foreign Affairs Committee to restore Israel to the list of nations to receive direct U.S. grants in the foreign aid programme now before Congress.

Rep. Chester Bowles (Democrat, Connecticut), former Ambassador to India, said, "The apparent cutback in aid to Israel under the Mutual Security Programme is disturbing to many of us."

He said, "I know of no nation that more clearly fits the standards for the allocation of economic assistance. Israel is a symbol of what free people can achieve."

Rep. Bowles, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said, "I am confident that this question will be fully explored in the Foreign Affairs Committee and consideration given to special language in the committee report designed to correct this."

Rep. Emilio Q. Daddario (Democrat, Connecticut) told the House Israel was qualified for aid in that the Jewish State had displayed willingness to make sacrifices "on its own behalf."

**Neo-Nazi Group In
Germany Dissolved**
DUSSELDORF (INA).—An "association of persons" injured by internment and de-Nazification was dissolved on Monday, the Interior Ministry of North Rhine-Westphalia, Dr. Josef Dufhues, told a press conference here on Tuesday.

Officials of the neo-Nazi organization, of which former high-ranking Nazi officials are members, were closed, but no arrests were made.

The association's anti-Semitic publication, "Der Ring," was confiscated.

The association was recently named in connection with an organization of neo-Nazi intellectuals called the "Cairo Friends."

SHIP BLOCKS SUEZ
SUEZ (UPI).—Northbound Suez Canal traffic was halted for seven hours on Tuesday when an Italian ship ran aground. The 7,186-ton "Erebus" was refloated at midday.

**Round Trip Missile
Launched by U.S.**
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (Reuters).—The United States Air Force on Tuesday successfully launched a "round trip" Snark missile which turned about and returned to this base after a trip of almost 1,000 miles.

The 69-foot intercontinental ballistic missile landed here on specially designed skids. A similar successful return flight was accomplished several months ago.

**China Plans Jump
Of 40% in Output**
PEKING (Reuters).—Chinese economic and financial planners on Tuesday set the targets for another "great leap forward" in industry and agriculture, but warned that these would be hard to reach.

The Second National People's Congress—China's parliament—was told that the country's 1959 economic plan aimed at raising the value of industrial and agricultural output by 40 per cent.

Defence expenditure under the 1959 budget showed an increase of 16 per cent over 1958 and 5,800m. yuan (about \$282m. at the official exchange rate).

The Chairman of the State Planning Commission, Mr. Li Fu-chun, a Deputy Premier, told an audience of more than 2,000 in Peking's "Palace Stepped in Compassion" that the 1959 economic plan would be very hard to fulfil.



The Ghanaian delegation which arrived Monday night to investigate possibilities of establishing a Ghanaian air arm is met at Lydd Airport by Aluf Mordcahai Limon, in Charge of Emergency Economic Planning at the Ministry of Defence. From left to right are Mr. R.P. Baffour, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Communications; Mr. F.E. Tachie-Menson, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ghana Defence Ministry; and Mr. Agye, a Ghana Airways pilot.

Panama Arrests Ballerina Fonteyn As Revolutionary

PANAMA CITY (Reuters).—Dame Margot Fonteyn, Britain's Prima Ballerina, was arrested here Monday on suspicion of revolutionary activity against the Panamanian Government, and spent most of the night in the common jail in Panama City.

Dame Margot is the wife of Dr. Roberto Arias, former Panamanian Ambassador to Britain, who is also sought on a warrant for alleged revolutionary activities.

The imprisonment of the internationally-famous 30-year-old dancer, is unprecedented in recent Panamanian history. She was taken to the jail about midnight. She was detained after landing at the Panama Canal Port of Balboa from the fishing launch "Nola," which had been hired by her wealthy and handsome husband.

There was a formal warrant out against her, although specific charges have not been made public.

The Panamanian Government alleges that the "Nola" and a shrimpboat, the "Elaine," raised a boatload of arms off Panama last Thursday and put them aboard the "Nola," but none were found aboard her Monday.

According to one usually reliable source, Dr. Arias was in a foreign country, but a National Guard officer said he had landed in Panama from a shrimpboat and was still in the country.

**Nepal Daily Reports
Chinese Border Raid**
KATMANDU (UPI).—The Chinese Army raided a village 20 miles inside the Kingdom of Nepal in a search for anti-Communist Tibetans, a Katmandu newspaper reported on Tuesday. Government officials did not deny the report.

The newspaper said the raid occurred during the last week of March and that the Chinese forcibly arrested Nepalese inmates of a number of houses in the villages and questioned them about the activities of the Tibetan rebel tribesmen.

The Dalai Lama, meanwhile, on Tuesday night was placidly installed in "Happy Valley" at Mussoorie, his place of exile after his five-week trek from the Tibetan capital of Lhasa.

The Dalai Lama is not expected to make any public statement until he has talked with Mr. Nehru, the Prime Minister, who arrives here on Friday.

Soviet Leader's Message Seen Calming Nasser

CAIRO (UPI).—The personal message to Abdul Nasser from the Soviet Premier, Mr. Khrushchev, has helped ease the tension between the two nations, informed sources said on Tuesday.

The Egyptian Ambassador to Moscow, Mohammed el-Koumy, is leaving for the Soviet Union shortly with Nasser's reply to the message, delivered to Mr. Khrushchev by the Russian envoy, Mr. Evgeny Kisseliev.

El-Koumy was recently recalled from Moscow following Mr. Khrushchev's charge that Nasser was speaking the "language of imperialism" in his attacks on Communism.

Informal sources said Mr. Kisseliev, who returned last Friday after a two-month absence from the Egyptian capital, delivered two messages from Mr. Khrushchev to Nasser—one written and one oral.

The written message was said to be 20 pages long. During the past month, Nasser has repeatedly attacked Russia, as hard as he ever attacked the West, for interfering in Arab affairs.

While Communists remain strong in Iraq, diplomats here believe any truce between the U.A.R. and Russia would remain extremely fragile.

HUSSEIN CAUTIOUS
NEW YORK (INA).—King Hussein of Jordan intimated on Monday that Col. Nasser is fighting Communism because he failed to get control of Iraq, according to a "New York Herald Tribune" dispatch from London.

Referring to the strained relations between Nasser and Premier Khrushchev of the Soviet Union, the King stated, "We should watch the change in Gamal Nasser's attitude toward Communism with caution."

The "Herald" in my mind is—Nasser fighting Communism as a danger, or is he fighting it because he did not get control of Iraq at the time of the recent coup?

**Wary Reaction To
Hussein Peace Talk**
POST Political Correspondent

Political quarters in Jerusalem yesterday expressed some reservations with regard to King Hussein's reference in London on Monday to the prospects of peace with Israel and a possible solution of the Palestine refugee problem.

It was pointed out that the statement was made in the middle of a tour of Western capitals in which King Hussein is trying to obtain financial aid to solve his country's urgent refugee and economic problems. In this connection, the Jerusalem sources said that Arab leaders usually adopted a less intransigent stand on their relations with Israel when abroad, in order to gain popularity. These statements were never borne out by corresponding coverage in the Arab press.

It is significant that in this instance too, the entire Jordanian press on Tuesday again omitted all reference to Hussein's statements.

The Jerusalem sources added, however, that Israel would always welcome any genuinely constructive approach to the solution of the refugee problem and they felt that public reference to the problem by Arab leaders abroad may hasten the final solution. King Hussein's willingness to speak up in public on an issue which is disputed among Arab leaders was definitely noteworthy, the Israel quarters said.

Four of Soviet Bloc To Confer on Berlin

WEST BERLIN (AFP).—Representatives of the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany are to meet for talks in Moscow on May 8 in preparation for the East-West Foreign Ministers Conference, the West Berlin News Agency announced on Tuesday.

The Foreign Ministers Conference will open in Geneva on May 11.

Egypt Releases Shell Property

CAIRO (Reuters).—The Shell Oil Company and the Egyptian Sequesterator General on Tuesday signed an agreement releasing from sequestration property in Egypt of the company and its affiliates.

The property was sequestered in November 1956 after Anglo-French intervention in Egypt. Shell is the first British company to be released from sequestration since the Anglo-Egyptian agreement was signed last February.

The property will be handed over in a month's time, an Egyptian spokesman said. Meanwhile, Sheikh Abdullah Tarika, Saudi Arabia's Director-General of Petroleum and Mines, proposed that the Arabs themselves construct a trans-Arabian pipeline capable of pumping almost a million barrels a day from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean. He made the proposal to the first Arab Oil Conference here.

**World Bank Mission
Starts U.A.R. Talks**
CAIRO (Reuters).—A five-member World Bank mission headed by Mr. Harold Larson, a Director, on Tuesday began talks with the United Arab Republic. The mission's task is to study the country's economic situation and to make recommendations for a controlled zone of limited foreign investment in the U.A.R. The other members of the mission are Mr. J. H. K. Kaissani, on the possibility of bank finance for U.A.R. industrial projects.

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UK Backs Ike's Proposal For Partial A-Test Ban

West Still Seeks Common Approach

LONDON (UPI).—Extensive consultations among the Western Allies have failed to resolve their basic differences of approach to the forthcoming East-West negotiations in Geneva, diplomatic sources said on Tuesday. Britain still believes the Russians might be willing at this time to negotiate an agreement on Berlin and Germany and that they should be encouraged by some Western gesture, the sources said.

The U.S. West Germany and France, in varying degree, remain highly skeptical of Soviet intentions and are unwilling to waste concessions for the sake of the settlement.

The Western Foreign Ministers meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in less than three weeks. They have agreed on a "policy of firmness" but are not agreed on what is firm and what is not firm.

This disagreement may have been responsible for Sir Winston Churchill's plea Monday night that the West remain "united and strong" in the forthcoming talks and to warn that a battle for Berlin could engulf the whole world in nuclear warfare.

Macmillan Line
Britain, meanwhile, was holding firm to the line proposed by Prime Minister Harold Macmillan after his Moscow talks that there should be "pacificity by negotiation" and by "reasonable agreement."

The second phrase was held to indicate that Britain favours some Western gesture or offer for a controlled zone of limited foreign investment in Central Europe. The other Allies are against conceding this now.

Right Labour Members of Parliament sponsored a motion in the Commons objecting to "provocative and irresponsible language and behaviour" by certain U.S. military leaders concerned with the U.S. plan for a phased, step-by-step ban also was desirable.

Coincided with Talks
Mr. Eisenhower's letter, dispatched on April 13, was made to coincide with the resumption of the talks in Geneva after a two-month recess.

In Augusta, Georgia, the President's holiday headquarters, he revealed the contents of the letter. It proposed that a "simplified control system for atmospheric tests up to 30 miles could be readily derived from the Geneva experts' report and would not require the automatic on-site inspection which has created the major stumbling block in the negotiations so far."

The letter went on: "If we could agree to such initial implementation of the first -- and I might add the most important -- phase of a test suspension agreement, our negotiators could continue to explore with new hope the political and technical problems involved in extending the agreement as quickly as possible to cover all nuclear weapon tests."

Must Not Fail
Referring to the Geneva talks, Mr. Eisenhower said: "In my view, these negotiations must not be permitted completely to fail... I believe there is a way in which we can hold fast to the progress already made in these negotiations and no longer delay in putting into effect the initial agreements which are in our grasp."

The White House Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, said there had been no reply so far to Mr. Eisenhower's letter.

**Portuguese Loser
In Brazil Asylum**
RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters).—General Humberto Delgado, who sought asylum in the Brazilian Embassy in Lisbon on January 12, claiming he was in danger of arrest after his defeat in Portugal's last presidential elections, arrived here on Tuesday.

The 52-year-old general left Portugal by air Monday night after saying goodbye to his wife and children at the embassy.

Low Vote at Algerian Polls
ALGIERS (UPI).—The wave of rebel terrorism appeared on Tuesday to have succeeded in its purpose—keeping voters away from the polls in the third day of Algeria's municipal elections.

The terror joined forces with political apathy and confusion to place doubt on the outcome of the elections. Voters stayed away in droves and there was no clear indication of whether President Charles de Gaulle or his extreme right-wing opponents were winning.

The political confusion arose from the unprecedented number of competing right-wing tickets. Most candidates campaigned bitterly against each other on nearly identical platforms, calling for Algeria's "integration" with France.

In Algiers alone the baffled electorate faced a choice of 500 candidates for only 75 seats on the City Council. Officials believed the fear spread by rebels in a wave of week-end attacks frightened many voters away from the polls. Their bombs and bullets have killed 20 persons and injured 70 since the voting began on Sunday.

The voting, which started in the big cities, is moving ahead, sector by sector, across the land. Heavy French patrols moved through small villages in the voting area and set up machinegun posts outside the towns. Candidates apparently were holding their own against the extreme right-wingers. Algiers appeared assured of a mayor hostile to the de Gaulle policies. He was M. Rene Lambert, whose candidates tied the Gaullists. However, he has the support of independents and probably will receive the necessary council majority to be named mayor.

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Forecast: Warm along coastal plain, showers in inland and hill regions.
Outlook for Thursday: Drowsy in temperatures.
Weather synopsis: Humidities over Western Europe are moving eastwards to this region.
Tel Aviv: 18-24, 19-25, 20-26, 21-27, 22-28, 23-29, 24-30, 25-31, 26-32, 27-33, 28-34, 29-35, 30-36, 31-37, 32-38, 33-39, 34-40, 35-41, 36-42, 37-43, 38-44, 39-45, 40-46, 41-47, 42-48, 43-49, 44-50, 45-51, 46-52, 47-53, 48-54, 49-55, 50-56, 51-57, 52-58, 53-59, 54-60, 55-61, 56-62, 57-63, 58-64, 59-65, 60-66, 61-67, 62-68, 63-69, 64-70, 65-71, 66-72, 67-73, 68-74, 69-75, 70-76, 71-77, 72-78, 73-79, 74-80, 75-81, 76-82, 77-83, 78-84, 79-85, 80-86, 81-87, 82-88, 83-89, 84-90, 85-91, 86-92, 87-93, 88-94, 89-95, 90-96, 91-97, 92-98, 93-99, 94-100, 95-101, 96-102, 97-103, 98-104, 99-105, 100-106, 101-107, 102-108, 103-109, 104-110, 105-111, 106-112, 107-113, 108-114, 109-115, 110-116, 111-117, 112-118, 113-119, 114-120, 115-121, 116-122, 117-123, 118-124, 119-125, 120-126, 121-127, 122-128, 123-129, 124-130, 125-131, 126-132, 127-133, 128-134, 129-135, 130-136, 131-137, 132-138, 133-139, 134-140, 135-141, 136-142, 137-143, 138-144, 139-145, 140-146, 141-147, 142-148, 143-149, 144-150, 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In his customary Passover message last night, Chief Rabbi Nissim observed that this holiday has come to

PASSOVER hold the most important place in the life of the Jewish people.

QUESTS people gathered in Israel. The exodus, from Egypt or wherever else it may have been, and the liberation from enslavement, of whatever brand, social, racial or political, is still very close for half the people in this country. For all of them, as a reminder, a new and more dangerous Egypt is only a short bombing flight away.

The New Year is a time for taking stock, Passover for rejoicing. We are not without reason for satisfaction. In the somewhat restless Tenth Anniversary year that is now coming to its end many important new projects were begun, many valuable new links forged with other countries, and particularly those of Africa and Asia.

A clearer estimate of our economic situation is beginning to penetrate at all levels, both those formerly too optimistic, and those formerly too pessimistic, and we must feel disastrously on our present road. We have received many distinguished guests from abroad, and most of them have gone away deeply impressed with Israel's essential vitality and at the same time her will to live at peace with the world.

To this day, Israel is still something of a mystery abroad. Even people of good will might necessarily try to seek the balance between accounts they hear from what are openly propagandist sources, such as fund-drive speakers, and the many hostile elements, not excluding even ex-Israelis seeking to justify their personal decisions to spend their lives in countries where they hope or imagine less demands will be made on the individual. It seems difficult to convey the reality of Israel today except by the direct contact of a visit. For this reason, and not only for the financial advantage it spells, the present state of tourists in Israel is doubly welcome. Most of them leave convinced in their hopes and freed of some of their doubts. This year, also, they relate that they have found a more equitable welcome on all sides, with less desire to persuade them of this or that view within Zionism, and more understanding and friendliness.

There is no doubt that the increased number of tourists, up 20 per cent last month over March 1958, and the generally smoother reception that they have had, is due to the great amount of spadework done by the Tourist Corporation in preparation for the Tenth Anniversary, and which is only now beginning to bear full fruit. The hotels are crowded, sightseeing organizations are busy, and private rooms have been taken up. Accommodation of all kinds is booked up for many weeks ahead, thus making it possible for hotels to plan staff and supplies in advance. The result is beneficial to trade in many branches, and at least two more large hotels are being planned, one in Haifa and one in Eilat.

There is thus the less reason to take advantage of visitors by charging black-market rates for room and board, and particularly for any extras served to the guest that do not have to appear in the official price lists. Long-term prospects in the tourist trade are now brighter than in many years past. The industry has hopes of receiving some tax rebates in respect of hard-currency tourist earnings, to make it better able to compete with prices charged in less heavily taxed countries, and it must learn to show fairness to the customer in good times as well as bad.

SAVING THE TIBETAN HERITAGE

New Centre of Learning Rises in Border State

By CYRIL DUNN

GANGTOK (OPNS).—A DESPERATE effort is now being made to save the spiritual scholarship of Tibet from total destruction by the Red Chinese, in this tiny mountain State of Sikkim, separated from Tibet only by the towering white wall of the Himalayas. And there is no doubt that this learning, hitherto shut away from the world, could by communication do much for the redemption of mankind.

Sikkim is by no means a rich country. Its population of 125,000 would have been most relied for a living mainly on the Tibetan wool trade, now almost halted by the revolt of the Chinese. No such reliance has ever existed before, not even in Tibet, where conflicting sects have cherished their own literature and spun that of others. Oddly enough, the only comparable library is to be found in Leningrad, where interest in Tibetology goes back to the days of Tsar Alexander II.

Here in Gangtok scholars from all over the world—including learned and saintly refugees from Tibet, if they can be rescued, and the local Tibetan scholars—have been working to save the ancient wisdom of the Land of the Lamas alive and to pass it to the rest of mankind.

Search for Enlightenment. The need for such a place of safety will be apparent. Conflict is inevitable between Chinese Communist ideology and the Mahayana Buddhist concept, which requires the subordinate everything else in life to his own search for Enlightenment. The Chinese have already disrupted the meditative life of the Tibetan monasteries, driving the monks out to work. The library at Gangtok includes the works of the Tibetan scholar executed by the Chinese two months ago.

But how could anybody in Sikkim, so long before the crisis in Tibet became desperate, that they ought to start building this refuge? Its cornerstone was laid in February 1957, by the Dalai Lama himself, as he made his reluctant journey to Lhasa after visiting India.

Among the sacred mountains of Sikkim it is not difficult to fancy that clairvoyance for a life of meditation and spiritual debate. His brother's death obliged him to return

to the little palace in Gangtok—with the red-lacquered gates, and guards in exotic uniform—designed for them by a 19th century British Political Officer which make them look like British Girl Guides in ceremonial dress.

For reasons of foreign policy which have become self-evident since the revolt in Tibet, the Indian Government exercises a Protectorate over Sikkim and finances its development plans. It has not hesitated to finance a number of entirely "spiritual" projects, such as shrines on hilltops; it is also giving a great deal to this new Institute of Tibetology. Cynics have called this "spiritual diplomacy" but India has, in fact, something akin to an historical obligation to forward works of this sort. Indeed, it might be said that in this particular project history has completed one of its more exhilarating circles.

Indian Influence. Both Sikkim and Tibet owe their reputation for holy scholarship to India. Indian saints, travelling north from Nalanda, the great Buddhist monastic university in Bihar, first carried Buddhism up to the roof of the world centuries ago and maintained it there against paganism and against rival scholars from the oddly named Suddha or Abrupt School of Chinese Buddhism.

But in the course of time these tendrils reaching over the icy Himalayas passed lost their own roots. Nalanda was destroyed by Moslem hordes pouring down into India through Afghanistan. The basic books of Tibetan learning were at the start translated into Tibetan from Indian languages by Indian scholars who had first to create a Tibetan script. Since then all the Indian originals have been lost. And Indian saints who are still worshipped in Sikkim and Tibet are remembered only by the erudite in India.

One of the functions of the Institute in Gangtok will be to translate Tibetan works into the languages from which they sprang and to restore, in this school among the mountains, that living spiritual contact between Tibet and India which has been tenuous for so long. East of Sikkim political events are apt to produce surprising results.

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Tibetan commissioner indoctrinating a group of Tibetans in Lhasa. In the background is the Potala, the Dalai Lama's winter palace. (Hsinhua Photo)

look upon Sikkim as an exceptionally holy place. One prayer said here is thought to be worth 100 brooded anywhere else. Treasure and the records of a transcendent wisdom, left behind by Buddhist saints many centuries ago, are believed to be buried somewhere on the blazing white peaks of the Kanchenjunga, awaiting some moment of need and revelation. It is for this reason that visiting mountaineers are dissuaded by the Sikkimese, sometimes violently, from ever trying to set foot on these summits.

The oracles of the Dalai Lama have been predicting for several years past that some Great Trouble would afflict Tibet in 1959, and rumors of this have been carried by the mule trains over the Nathu La and down into Sikkim. But the urge to do something about it might never have found an outlet if the eldest son of the Maharajah of Sikkim had not been killed while flying with the Royal Air Force during the last war.

The next son in line of succession had by then entered a Tibetan monastery for a life of meditation and spiritual debate. His brother's death obliged him to return

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Private Enterprise's Role

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Mr. Your news story headed "Histadrut in Major Factor" in your issue of Friday April 10 (page 1), quoted a statement by Mr. Ben-Gurion. After admitting that the Histadrut was not the only force which had carried out pioneering work in this country, that "private individuals and the Jewish people abroad had contributed very much," Mr. Ben-Gurion added in a rather contradictory way: "but it is an historic truth... that the Histadrut was the first and major factor in all that has been created in this country since its inception."

Is this latter statement really true? No doubt the influence and achievements of the Histadrut were great, particularly during the second world war and the decade, but the insistence that "it was the first and major factor in all that has been created in this country since its inception" is certainly an exaggeration.

The foundations for the economic development of the country in the twenties and early thirties except perhaps the agricultural sector were laid by private individuals and organizations, not by the Histadrut. It was in this early period, since after the Mandate came into force, that a number of large (for that time) industrial undertakings and educational institutions were founded. These were the Palestine Electric Corporation, which greatly facilitated our subsequent industrial development; the Ashdod Cement Works in Haifa; (later acquired by Sotefon) and the Asafie Brick Factory in Tel Aviv which produced materials badly needed for housing and other construction works; the Shemen factory in Haifa, manufacturing high quality edible oil, soap and other oil products; the textile factories of Lodzia in Tel Aviv and Ats near Haifa, supplying part of the population's clothing; and the Atlat Salt Works, which made us independent of imported salt.

The Vulkan Foundry and the Phosphoric plant at Haifa (both later acquired by Sotefon); the great export organization for citrus "Fardes" — and the Potash Company — a country's largest foreign-currency earners; P.I.C.A. (the successor of I.C.A.), the Rothchild colonization association and a number of other smaller undertakings, all were established during that period. Later Fertilizers and Chemicals of Haifa, now the largest industrial undertaking in the country after the Palestine Electric Corporation—came into existence. In the sphere of health and cultural activities, the great Hadassah organization and the Hebrew University

in Jerusalem were founded, while the Technion of Haifa (the erection of which began before the first world war) was considerably enlarged during that time.

Surely the Histadrut would not claim to have been the "first and major factor" in the creation of all those economic and cultural values. It is regrettable that this kind of statement should come from such a high place. The younger generation, most of whom were not yet born at that time, know little of nothing about activities in the country then, so they accept statements coming from high authority and bearing the mark of "historic truth" at their face-value.

True history demands care and modesty in recording facts about the past. Yours, etc.

M. NOVOMYTSKY
Jerusalem, April 18.

GREEK ELECTIONS
Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir:—The press reported briefly the results of recent municipal elections in Greece, mentioning the defeat of the pro-Communist party, which had registered a certain success in the parliamentary elections of May, 1958.

Some facts and figures have just been issued by the Greek Ministry of Interior on the final results of the elections.

In these elections only 34 per cent abstained from voting — less than in the 1958 parliamentary election — and this fact alone shows that the Greek people had a special reason for participating in municipal elections despite the general understanding that they did not constitute a political issue. In 31 municipalities the pro-Communist EDA got 196,797 votes as compared to 240,003 in the parliamentary elections a year ago; in 43 municipalities areas where the Liberals and Progressives co-operated with EDA, the three parties got a total of 173,720 votes instead of 264,233.

In many places the loss of the opposition parties amounted to 50 and up to 90 per cent. In some areas where the pro-Communist got 44 per cent of the votes a year ago they were completely defeated this time. "EDA" was also defeated in the large cities: Athens, Piraeus and Salonica. Only in 78 municipalities areas out of 228 municipalities and 1,750 local councils had the Communists and the opposition parties claimed "political im-

portance" for the elections; they expected no victory in other places. In 84 areas out of these 78 they were defeated.

These results clearly show that the Greek people have again demonstrated its strong opposition to Communism, refusing to repeat the error of judgment it committed in 1958. The overwhelming majority of the people has thus expressed support for and confidence in the national Government of Premier Karamanlis, leader of the country's majority party (ERE, the National Radical Party) whose principal task is to strengthen and continue Greece's historic and natural link with the Free World and improve the Greek people's economic and social conditions.

Yours, etc.
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